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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 09/767,680 Confirmation No.: 4425  
Applicant : Asger GEPPEL *et al.*  
Filed : January 24, 2001  
Title : PORPHYRIN CONTAINING LACTIC ACID BACTERIAL CELLS  
AND USE THEREOF  
TC/Art Unit : 1652  
Examiner: : Kathleen M. Kerr  
  
Docket No. : 58982.000010  
Customer No. : **21967**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2005, in the above-captioned application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including October 19, 2005. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, consisting of the three (3) month extension of time fee according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) is included with this response. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of these amendments, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

**AMENDMENTS**

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 19, 2005 (hereinafter the “Office Action”), please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.